

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE Northern District of Illinois – CM/ECF LIVE, Ver 6.3.3  
Eastern Division**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.: 1:16-cr-00793  
Honorable Andrea R. Wood

Michael Persaud

Defendant.

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**NOTIFICATION OF DOCKET ENTRY**

This docket entry was made by the Clerk on Thursday, December 10, 2020:

MINUTE entry before the Honorable Andrea R. Wood: On the Government's motion and over the Defendant's objection, the jury trial set for 3/1/2021 and final pretrial conference set for 2/22/2021 are stricken. The jury trial is reset for 7/6/2021. The final pretrial conference will be reset by separate order. In granting the Government's request, the Court notes that General Order 20-0033, issued December 9, 2020, suspends all civil and criminal jury trials until 3/1/2021. Given the need for multiple Government witnesses, including victims of the charged offense, to travel from out of town to testify at trial, the interests of justice would not be served by attempting to start this trial on the first day after the resumption of jury trials in this District. The Court also notes the likelihood that the COVID-19 pandemic will still pose a significant risk to the health and safety of trial participants in March 2021 – a likelihood that reasonably may be expected to be diminished by July 2021. While the Court understands the Defendant's desire to proceed to trial on the scheduled date and takes very seriously the need to protect his right to a speedy trial, it simply would not serve the interests of justice to push forward with trial on the scheduled date. Telephonic status hearing set for 12/15/2020 remains firm. Mailed notice (dal, )

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